

of *Pleuronectes flesus*, taken in deep sea-water, which was coloured on both surfaces, and of a more mottled appearance than usual. The only peculiarity I observed was that the lateral line was much more highly arched over the pectorals than is generally found to be the case.—THOMAS CORNISH (Penzance).

PROTRACHEATA.

A forgotten Species of Peripatus.—In no account of the species of *Peripatus* does any writer ever make a reference to a species described by Prof. Schmarda, in his 'Zoologie,' under the name of *P. quitensis*; in the second edition of this Handbook, which is now lying before me, the species is figured on p. 76 of vol. ii. It is stated to come "vom äquatorialen Hochland Südamericas," and with a total length of 26 mm. it has thirty-six pairs of appendages. It is much to be desired that attention should be called to this species, so that travellers in or near the neighbourhood of Quito may make a careful search for it. It is only by repeatedly directing attention to the existence of these rare and not always easily found creatures that we can hope to obtain them. My persistency in appealing to Mr. E. P. Ramsay has been lately rewarded by the arrival of *P. leuckarti*, which has been found near Wide Bay, Queensland.—F. JEFFREY BELL (*in Report of the British Association, 1887*).

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February 2, 1888.—W. CARRUTHERS, F.R.S., President, in the chair.

Dr. William Schlich, Mr. Isaac Thompson, and Mr. W. S. M'Millan were formally admitted Fellows of the Society.

The President called attention to the loss which the Society had sustained by the deaths of Professor Asa Gray, Professor Anton de Bary, and Mr. Irwine Boswell (formerly Syme), which had occurred since the last meeting, and gave a brief review of the life and labours of each.

Mr. C. T. Druery exhibited a collection of abnormal British Ferns, and made some remarks on the extraordinary number of named varieties which had been recognised, and which now required to be carefully examined and compared with a view to some systematic arrangement of them.

Dr. Amadeo exhibited and made some observations on a new species of *Tabernamontana*.

A long and interesting paper was then read by Mr. Henry T. R. Blanford on the Ferns of Simla, based upon a collection which he had himself